

TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: TOWN MANAGER



RE: GOAL WORKSHOP FOLLOW UP

### **ISSUE**

Council is asked to consider Goal 5 Sustainability Initiatives and some Proposed Budget Items for 2011 to complete the goal review that was started at the 2/19/11 workshop.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss and

1. Confirm goal 5 and clarify tasks under that goal if needed

And

2. Confirm proposed budget items as presented or as Council may edit (these will be a work in progress and be included in the 2011/12 budget discussions come May and June).

### **MONEY**

Money will be addressed in preparing the 2011/12 budget. For now money is reviewed in general and estimated for some things to help make decisions on those things that will be considered for inclusion in the budget.

### **CEQA**

Environmental determinations are not needed for goal and budget planning.

### **DISCUSSION**

Council held a goal workshop on 2/19/11 but time constraints required that Goal 5, Sustainability Initiatives, and the Proposed Budget Items for 2011 be held over. Tonight Council is asked to continue and hopefully complete these two issues.

One thing Council may wish to consider is combining Goal 2 (fiscal sustainability) and Goal 5 (sustainability initiatives). They are compatible and would tie together the idea that Loomis seeks a sustainability that addresses economic, environmental and equity factors.

**GOAL 5: SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES (APPROVED BY COUNCIL 11/9/10)**

- A. Pilot Super Recycler Service:** Develop pilot program for Recology, the Town's franchise refuse hauler, to promote a "Super Recycler" service and rate to all Loomis residents beginning in January 2011. Super Recycler service would include 32-gallon garbage service (in customer provided can) with free blue bags for recycling and green bin for yard trimmings in all "urban areas" of Loomis. Evaluate response to pilot program in April 2011 and consider any adjustments needed to program and garbage rates that need to be adopted in June 2011 to keep providing the Super Recycler service and rate. If there is sufficient interest, consider offering a Recology provided 32-gallon garbage cart that can be emptied by their automated collection trucks.

**COMMENT:** As of 2/4/11 Recology has a flyer to distribute to customers. Council Member Liss, Quincy McCord and Pat Miller came up with other advertising to occur over the next few weeks. An issue has come up that may result in city wide or targeted rate increases above the normal yearly Recology request. Program report is expected in April / May.

- B. Improve Blue Bag Program:** Including labels with distribution of blue bags that includes Recology contact info and website URL with instructions on how to participate and what can be recycled. Phase out blue bags to labeled clear bags that can also be recycled. Asking Recology to develop and distribute a new recycling flyer that includes information about blue bags, green bins and Super Recycler 32-gallon can option. Including instructions on how to participate and what can be recycled on Town website and links to other recycling websites.

**COMMENT:** No action on this yet. Combine with "A" above

- C. Lead by Example in Downtown Park:** Include solar panels on shade structure proposed for new Downtown Park, funded by PG&E 0% interest program, and use energy from those panels for lights in park and Train Depot. Install LED lights in Downtown Park, with the incremental initial capital cost funded by PG&E 0% interest program. Include "help yourself" recycling locations and signs on top of trash containers. Delete lawn area next to the Train Depot, as it's on a slope, which wastes water and is of little practical use. Include rainwater harvesting for Train Depot and Downtown Park to hold and gradually disperse rainwater so that it doesn't create more runoff.

**COMMENT:** Council give direction. On 11/9/10 Council indicated further review was needed on deleting lawn (underlined above) next to the Depot. There may be need to discuss the solar panels and LED lights too.

**GOAL 5: SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)**

- D. Cal-Green Building Code:** The New Title 24 building code known as Cal-Green takes effect statewide January 1, 2011. The Town should partner with Placer Sustain and local experts to host educational forums on new requirements for clean and green technologies and approaches to help residents and businesses comply with these new requirements.

**COMMENT:** Council give direction. Combine with "I" below. Plans and building methods will have to comply with the Green Code just like compliance is now required for all the other aspects of the building code. Not sure why this requires its own educational forum. Who will do this, when and at what cost? Who pays?

- E. Green Business & Economic Development Programs:** Encourage Loomis businesses to join the Placer County Green Business Program when it is launched in January 2011. Work with the Placer County Economic Development Board to participate in the Board's recently recommended Economic Development Professionals Stakeholders Network that would include the business community and interested local citizens.

**COMMENT:** Good task for Planning to focus on economic development because the Town will need things that make money going forward. Combine with J below.

- F. Energy Audits:** Promote cost effective energy audit programs for residents and businesses as the first step to improving their energy use and saving money, including free audits offered by PG&E to non-residential customers. Publicize how to access and use Smart Meter information from PG&E Website to reduce/shift energy use. Invite PG&E to conduct presentations at local schools on the use of Smart Meters and encourage competitive challenge for classes to reduce energy use at students' homes. PG&E make presentations to local business groups (e.g., Chamber of Commerce) on Smart Meter and how to use the information from the meter to reduce or shift energy use.

**COMMENT:** Another good Planning task to help foster green development practices to see if something can occur that will return a dollar to the Town.

**GOAL 5: SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)**

- G. Public Facilities:** Build temperature-controlled closet in Town Hall around computer server so that the rest of Town Hall HVAC system can be turned off when building is not occupied. Explore turning lights out at Del Oro Football Stadium when not in use.

**COMMENT:** Council give direction. On 11/9/10 Council indicated further review was needed on the matter of turning lights out at Del Oro Football Stadium (underlined above) since the Town has no control of school district lighting. At Town Hall it is unlikely that a temperature control room is needed. Only half the Town Hall HVAC system is involved in cooling the area where the computer and communication equipment is. THE HVAC is never completely shut down and wouldn't be even with a temperature controlled room for the server. There were no problems in summer 2010 even with the normal raising of temperature that occurs when Town Hall is unoccupied and even with the server being upstairs where the heat gathers. These matters appear to be solutions looking for problems. PGE sent out an expert on 2/8 and a report is expected in the next week or two.

- H. Sunrise Park:** Replace all spray heads with Hunter MP Rotator heads to save water and money. Remove strip of grass along the west side and replace with native ground cover. Arrange pilot program to improve the turf at the park with natural soil conditioners instead of chemicals.

**COMMENT:** Council give direction. On 11/9/10 Council indicated further review concerning the turf being improved (underlined above) with natural soil conditioners. About 80% of the spray heads are Hunter and those that aren't, need not be given their locations and uses. The question: What color does Council wish the lawn to be? The water can be adjusted accordingly.

- I. Educational Forums:** Sustainable Loomis organize educational forums on new CalGreen Building Code and Low Impact Development water regulations to help residents and businesses comply with new laws.

**COMMENT:** Council give direction. See and combine with D above.

- J. Placer County Green Business Program:** Encourage businesses to join the Placer County Green Business Program, organized with Sacramento Area Sustainable Business Program of the Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center.

**COMMENT:** Good task for Planning to focus on economic development to see if this can be made to pay for the Town. Combine with E above.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS ON GOAL 5**

The following Goal 5 comments are from Council Member Liss and were included in the 2/19/11 goal workshop. The page numbers refer to the pages above.

- \* page 2 - promote recycling pilot actively (underway now)
- \* page 3 - Cal Green Building - Placer Sustain organize educational event at Train Depot (Town 's contribution to event) so Loomis area contractors can compete better and our residents and businesses can benefit more
- \* page 4 - Del Oro - raise in school discussions
- \* page 4 - Sunrise Park - need staff and Sustainable Loomis to review more detailed comments in Green Ribbon Task Force report to identify best next steps

**PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS FOR 2011**

The following is a list of proposed budget items to consider for inclusion in the 2011/12 specific items budget.

<b>PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS FOR 2011 / 12</b>	<b>estimate</b>	<b>include</b>	
A. Water line for Heritage Park Subdivision	15,000	_____	Tree Fund
B. 12/1 Miguel: sidewalk on Taylor (Webb to HSB)	2,500	_____	
C. Change parking lot lights at Depot to LED (estimate \$8,250 to \$10,650 depends on type)	10,650	_____	Facilities Fund
D. 12/14 Miguel: downtown parking requiremts	no immediate	cost, focus on reviewing current code	
E. 12/23 Miguel: live Christmas tree for Depot	200	_____	Tree Fund
F. 12/29 Miguel: splash feature downtown park	55,000	_____	Park Fund
G. 1/4 Miguel: irrigation control Sunrise Park	2,000	_____	Park Fund
H. Consultant for TM recruitment	35,000	_____	
I. _____	_____	_____	
J. _____	_____	_____	
K. _____	_____	_____	
L. _____	_____	_____	
M. _____	_____	_____	
N. _____	_____	_____	
O. _____	_____	_____	
P. _____	_____	_____	
Q. _____	_____	_____	
R. _____	_____	_____	
S. _____	_____	_____	
T. _____	_____	_____	
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>	<b>120,350</b>	<b>0</b>	

## COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS ON PROPOSED BUDGET ITEMS

The following Proposed Budget comments are from Council Member Liss and were included in the 2/19/11 goal workshop. The page numbers refer to the pages in the previous report. Please refer to the spreadsheet above.

- \* page 12 16 - Heritage Park water line. \$15K is high - see comment regarding this same issue on page 5 above
- \* page 12 16 - Aren't there long-term savings from using LED lights that are not factored into short-term purchase costs? I'd like to use LED if they are cost effective in the long-term (payback in less than 10 years)
- \* page 12 16 - splash feature should not be paid for out of park funds
- \* page 12 16 - irrigation control improvements should be paid out of Public Works budget, not park development fund. The cost for water for irrigation is there and the savings will accrue there.